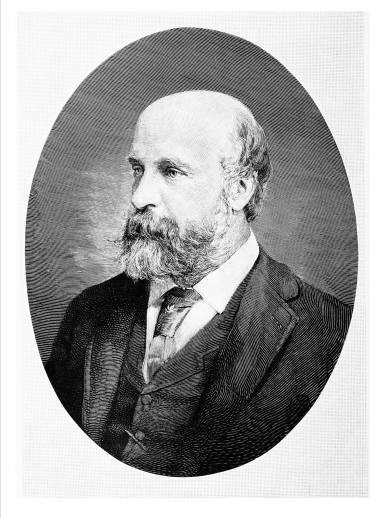


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<b>Born</b>	29 January 1843 <sup>[1]</sup> New York City <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Died</b>	November 19, 1903 (aged 60)
<b>Main interests</b>	Chemistry; Scientific bibliography
<b>Major works</b>	<i>Catalogue of Scientific and Technical Periodicals, 1665-1895</i>

**Henry Carrington Bolton** (1843–1903) was a chemist and bibliographer of science. He was a member of many scientific societies perhaps more than any contemporary.<sup>[1]</sup>

Bolton studied chemistry with Jean Baptiste André Dumas and Charles Adolphe Wurtz in Paris; with Robert Bunsen, Hermann Kopp, and Gustav Kirchhoff at Heidelberg; with Friedrich Wöhler at Göttingen; and with August Wilhelm von Hofmann in Berlin, and received a D. Phil. at Göttingen, for his work called "On the Fluorine Compounds of Uranium".<sup>[2]</sup>

Bolton published large bibliographies of chemistry and later of all scientific periodicals which are still used. He included alchemy in the chemistry listings and emphasized the continuity of the transition.

The Chemical Heritage Foundation runs the Bolton Society, which is named for H.C. Bolton, to support "printed materials devoted to chemistry and related sciences" and its Othmer Library of Chemical History in particular.<sup>[3]</sup>

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